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Claims 1-8, 10-19, and 21-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 3/9/09 does not disclose or reasonably suggest the claimed invention. In particular, the limitations related to dropping a connection, returning a non-delivery message, and delivering the message (based on three separate threshold levels) are not disclosed or reasonably suggested by the reference.

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